

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
BUTTE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LUKE ANDREW LAPINSKI,

Defendant.

CR 15–20–BU–DLC

ORDER

United States Magistrate Judge Jeremiah C. Lynch entered Findings and Recommendation in this matter on July 21, 2015. Neither party objected and therefore they are not entitled to *de novo* review of the record. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003).

This Court will review the Findings and Recommendation for clear error.

McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Commodore Bus. Mach., Inc., 656 F.2d 1309, 1313 (9th Cir. 1981). Clear error exists if the Court is left with a “definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed.” *United States v. Syrax*, 235 F.3d 422, 427 (9th Cir. 2000).


Judge Lynch recommended this Court accept Luke Andrew Lapinski’s guilty plea after Lapinski appeared before him pursuant to Federal Rule of

Criminal Procedure 11, and entered a plea of guilty to the charge of possession, with the intent to distribute, methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), as set forth in the Superseding Information. In exchange for Defendant's plea, the United States has agreed to dismiss the Indictment previously filed in this case.

I find no clear error in Judge Lynch's Findings and Recommendation (Doc. 43), and I adopt them in full, including the recommendation to defer acceptance of the Plea Agreement until sentencing when the Court will have reviewed the Plea Agreement and Presentence Investigation Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Luke Andrew Lapinski's motion to change plea (Doc. 34) is GRANTED and Luke Andrew Lapinski is adjudged guilty as charged in the Superseding Information.

DATED this 12th day of August, 2015.


Dana L. Christensen, Chief District Judge
United States District Court